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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:	)	Examiner: Ryan M. Gleitz
Yutaka BAN, et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2852
Application No.: 10/028,668	)	Confirmation No.: 3670
Filed: December 28, 2001	)	
For: DEVELOPER CARTRIDGE AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	)	October 6, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Sir:

Applicants have received an Official Action, dated August 2, 2004, and are in the process of formulating a response, which is due on November 2, 2004, without an extension, in the above-identified application. In the interim, this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted to ensure that it is in the file when the Examiner takes up the application for action.

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. The patent documents were recently cited in the enclosed European Search Report, which is dated August 23, 2004. A copy of the cited patent documents and the Search Report also are enclosed.

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Also enclosed is a check for the required fee of $180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in or credit any overpayment of this fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

REMARKS

It is noted that Japanese Patent Document No. 2-244174 along with an English language abstract was cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed April 5, 2002. A corresponding Patent Abstracts of Japan document is listed on the enclosed citation form.

CONCLUSION

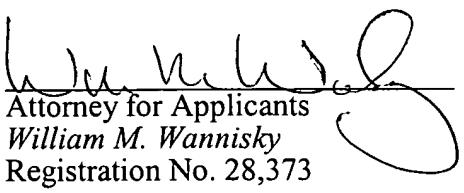
It is respectfully requested that the cited patent documents be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such patent documents have been considered.

It is earnestly believed that all requirements for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement have been satisfied.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

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		Patent Abstracts of Japan, Publication No. 9-292764, 11/11/97.
		Patent Abstracts of Japan, Publication No. 2000-122423, 04/28/00.
		Patent Abstracts of Japan, Publication No. 8-314258, 11/29/96.
		Patent Abstracts of Japan, Publication No. 2-244174, 09/28/90.

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